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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Education Reform

Thursday, May 18, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Education Reform was called to order by Representative Tim Kelly, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (15/15)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of April 27, 2017 as printed.

Representative Garcia moved to adopt the minutes of April 27, 2017, as printed.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4327.

HB 4327 (Chang)

Education; public school academies; geographic preference for charter school enrollment for low-income pupils; allow.

Representative Chang, the bill sponsor, explained House Bill 4327 with proposed substitute (H-3). Questions followed.

Alicia Urbain, Vice-President of Governmental and Legal Affairs for the Michigan Association of Public School Academies, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Merissa Kovach, Policy Strategist for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, submitted a testimony card, stating they were neutral, and did not wish to speak.

The following submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Jennifer Smith, Michigan Association of School Boards,

Emily Laidlaw, representing the Education Service Agencies Legislative Group;

Dr. David Zuhlke, Governmental and Legislative Liaison for Middle Cities Education Association, and

Julie Rowe, Legislative Mobilization Coordinator for the American Federation of Teachers.

Representative Chang offered and moved to adopt the substitute (H-3) for House 4327.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (15/15)

Nays: None. (0/15)

The substitute was adopted

Representative Lilly moved to report House Bill 4327 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-3) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (14/15)

Nays: Representative Hornberger. (1/15)

The bill and the substitute were referred to Second Reading.

The Chair laid before the committee the Office of the Auditor General's Performance Audit Report on the Great Start Readiness Program in the Department of Education.

Doug A. Ringler, C.P.A., C.I.A, Auditor General for the State of Michigan introduced Elmer R. Hess, Jr. Assistant Auditor General, and provided each member of the committee with a copy of the report, which is attached. Mr. Hess gave an overview of the audit. Questions followed.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Lilly moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:17 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Tim Kelly, Chair
House Standing Committee on Education Reform

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee